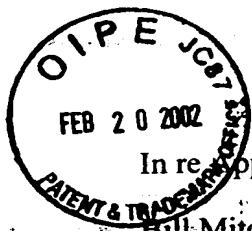


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In re application of:

Bill Mitchell, et al.

Application No. 10/017,153

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OIL BURNER HAVING A SOLENOID
VALVE IN PARALLEL CIRCUIT WITH
DIAPHRAGM VALVE FOR
CONTROLLING OIL FLOW AT START
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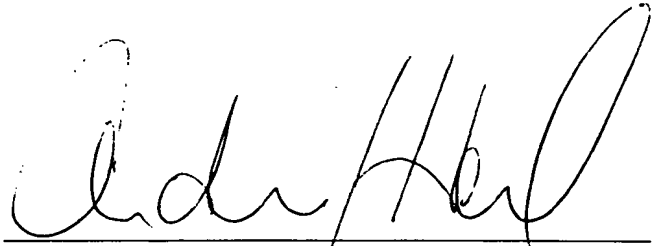
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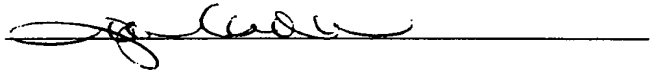
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